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FORSCHUNGSAMT DES REICHSLUFTFAHRT MINISTERIUMS

(GERMAN AIR MINISTRY SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH OFFICE)

I. SOURCE

Name: GOERING, Hermann
Rank: REICHSMARSCHALL
Interned: 7 May 1945
Interrogated: 10 June 1945

II. PREAMBLE

PW GOERING cannot be considered a strictly truthful character when discussing personal relations, possessions, etc. and when an investigation of his income and fortune is made. At the same time he has been considerably shaken in his bloated belief in his own grandeur. He talks readily and, it is believed, reliably on questions about the Nazi state, personalities, the Air Corps, conduct of the war, etc. He is a drug addict. He has no mind for details and apparently considered such beneath his dignity.

Estimate of Reliability: Probably true report.

III. G.A.M. SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH OFFICE

A. The Actual Functions of this Office - Monitoring

This name is merely camouflage as this office was not concerned with the Air Ministry in any way. It was conceived and founded by GOERING in 1933 for the purpose of a central control over the collection and dissemination of vital information of military, commercial, and political nature. This information was obtained by the monitoring of all communications systems such as domestic and foreign radio, cables, etc.

Previous to 1933 the foreign office had established a similar monitoring system, for intercepting wireless messages, and the police had monitored telephone conversations etc. but GOERING wanted an organisation of his own which could handle all phases under one central control. By various means he was able to obtain the services of some of the most able men in GERMANY for the construction and administration of this project. GOERING was the responsible authority, issued all directives and dictated the policy. Under Secretary Paul KOERNER was second in command while the actual managing director was Ministerial Director SCHAPPER (first name unknown).

As stated before the office monitored all types of communications and had particular success in breaking our codes through which they obtained invaluable information. According to source our Ministry in SWITZERLAND proved especially fruitful in this phase of the work but he gives us specific instances of information attained.

The monitoring of telephone conversations was accomplished by the co-operation of the Reichspost as was the reception of teletype and telegram message.

B. The Berlin Office - A Dissemination Centre

The main office was situated in Berlin and there were various subordinate offices whose location source does not know. Employees were civilians, at least in the responsible positions but the actual number of employees, distribution etc. were minor details with which source did not concern himself.

The information was collected, decoded, evaluated, classified and disseminated. All ministries were recipients of the finished product, receiving however, only that material which concerned their own particular province. After the beginning of the war the actual front line communications were handled by the fighting forces' own monitoring systems.

There were other organisations of this type in existence such as the ones controlled by the SS which were concerned chiefly with the monitoring of domestic lines but GOERING's group was the most successful due to the outstanding ability of his experts and technicians.